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1 **Relating to:** urging Congress and the President to enact legislation to allow
2 concurrent receipt of military longevity pay and disability benefits.

3 Whereas, integral to the success of our U.S. armed forces are those service men
4 and women who have made a career of defending this country; and

5 Whereas, military retirees who have at least 20 years of active service receive
6 retirement pay based on longevity; and

7 Whereas, some of these retirees may be eligible for compensation for a
8 service-connected disability from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; and

9 Whereas, an inequity exists in that the federal government denies these
10 retirees concurrent receipt of retirement pay and compensation for a
11 service-connected disability; and

12 Whereas, they may receive one or the other, or must waive a portion of their
13 retirement pay, equal to the amount of their veterans disability compensation
14 benefit; and

15 Whereas, each veteran adjudicated as having a service-connected disability
16 should be entitled to just compensation for his or her sacrifice and contribution of
17 military service; and

